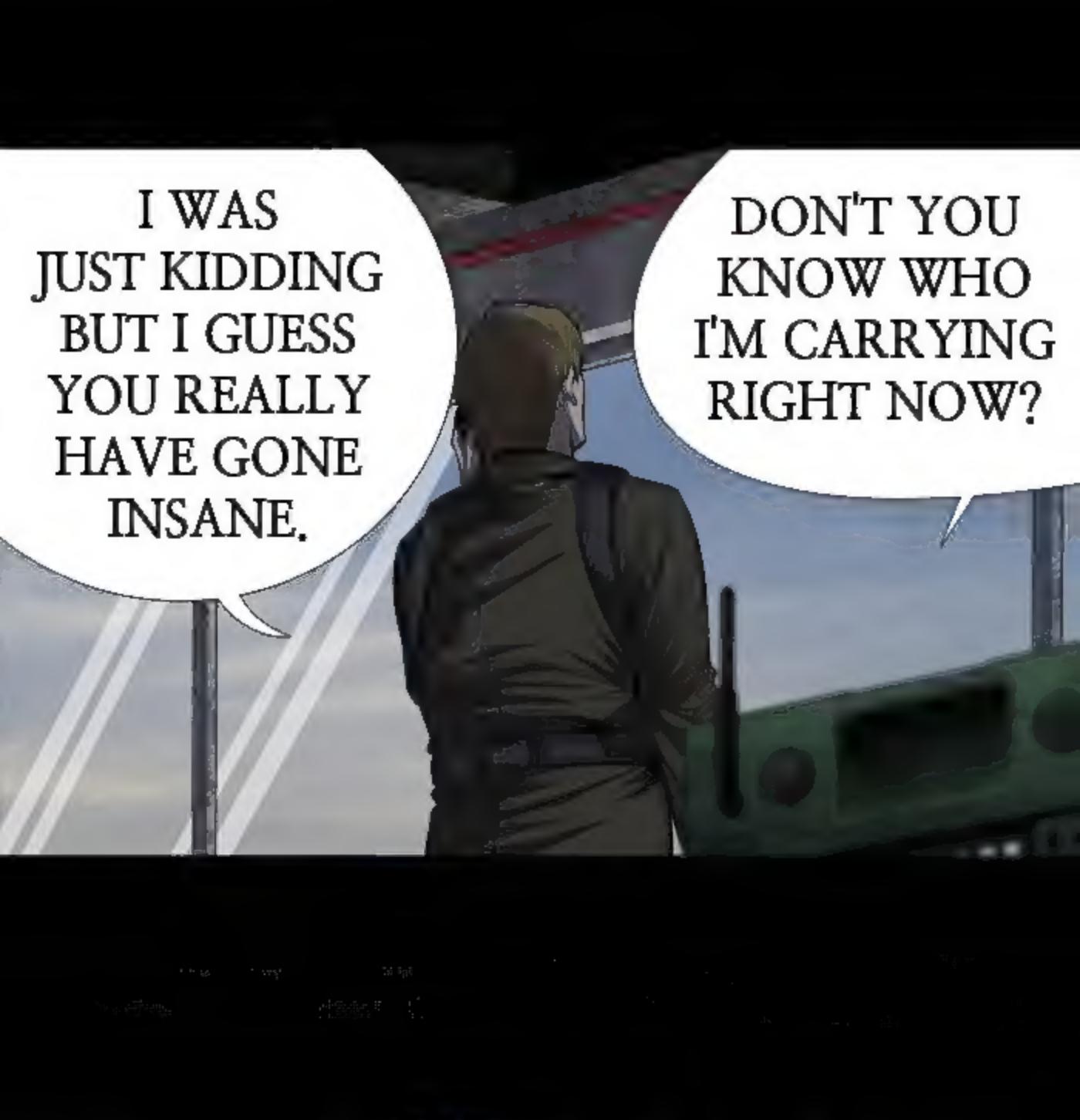




WHAT?





I WAS  
JUST KIDDING  
BUT I GUESS  
YOU REALLY  
HAVE GONE  
INSANE.

DON'T YOU  
KNOW WHO  
I'M CARRYING  
RIGHT NOW?



IF YOU  
KEEP ACTING  
LIKE THAT,  
HYEJIN MIGHT  
JUST-

TRY IT.



I SAID  
JUST TRY  
IT.

YOU MADE  
A MISTAKE,  
SEONGJAE.

YOU MUST  
THINK THAT  
PLACE IS THE  
SAFEST IN THE  
WORLD.

BUT  
YOU'RE  
TRAPPED.  
AND IN  
THE MOST  
DANGEROUS  
PLACE OF  
ALL, AT  
THAT.



YOU THINK THAT  
YOU STOLE THE  
QUEEN'S COMMAND,  
BUT SHE IS SIMPLY  
NOT KILLING  
YOU.

AS PROOF,  
THE QUEEN  
WON'T LET YOU  
GUYS LEAVE  
THE TOWER.



DON'T TEST  
ME WITH YOUR  
DAUGHTER. DO  
I LOOK LIKE  
SOMEONE  
WITHOUT  
ANY GUTS?

DO  
YOU THINK  
I WOULDN'T DO  
ANYTHING  
TO YOUR  
DAUGHTER?

SEONGJAE  
CHOI.



YOU ONCE  
SAID THAT YOU  
COULD TELL WHAT  
I'M THINKING JUST  
BY THE LOOK ON  
MY FACE.

I KNOW  
EXACTLY HOW  
YOU'LL ACT WITHOUT  
EVEN LOOKING  
AT YOU.

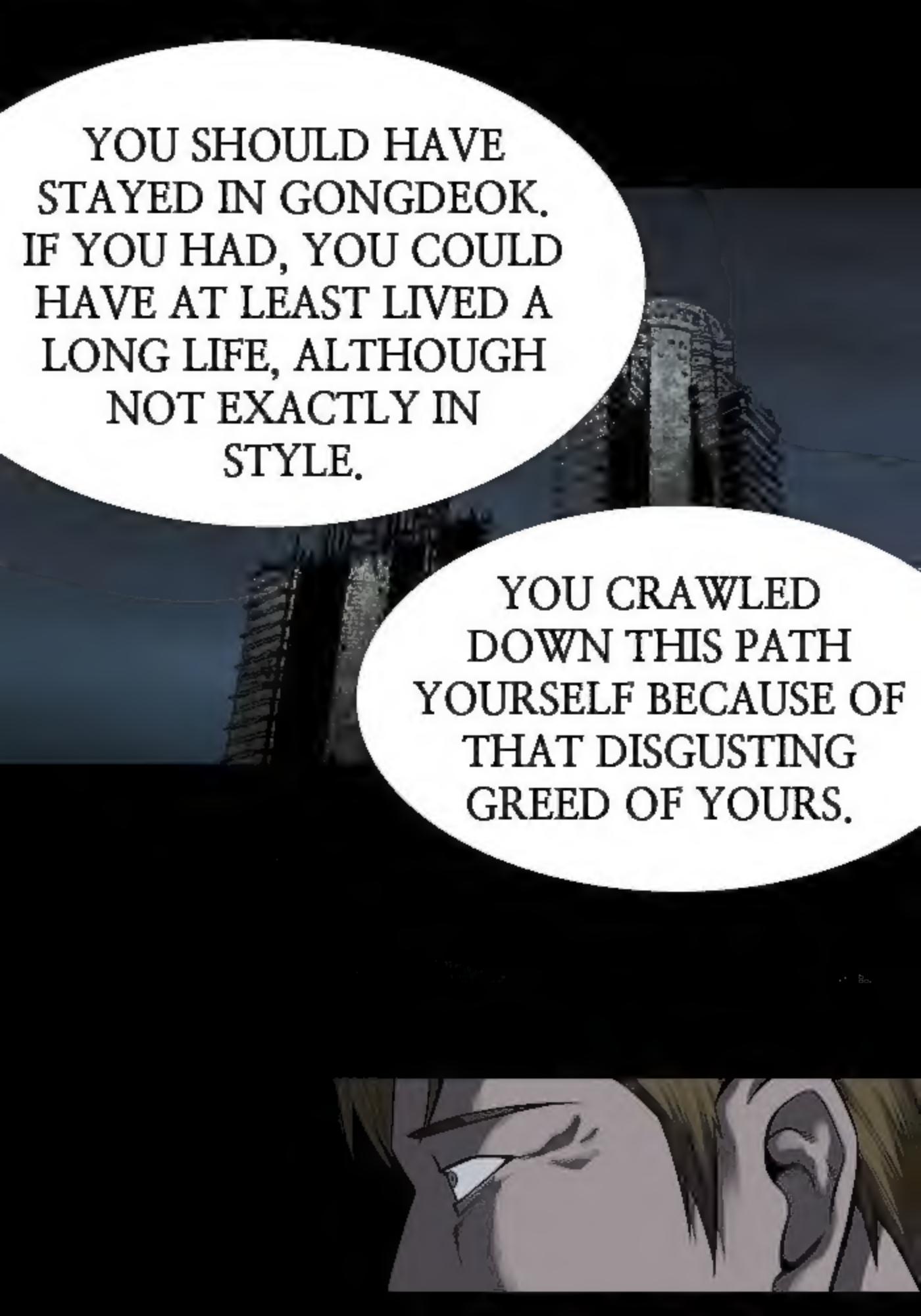


YOU  
COULD  
NEVER KILL  
YOURSELF.

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YOU SHOULD HAVE  
STAYED IN GONGDEOK.  
IF YOU HAD, YOU COULD  
HAVE AT LEAST LIVED A  
LONG LIFE, ALTHOUGH  
NOT EXACTLY IN  
STYLE.

YOU CRAWLED  
DOWN THIS PATH  
YOURSELF BECAUSE OF  
THAT DISGUSTING  
GREED OF YOURS.

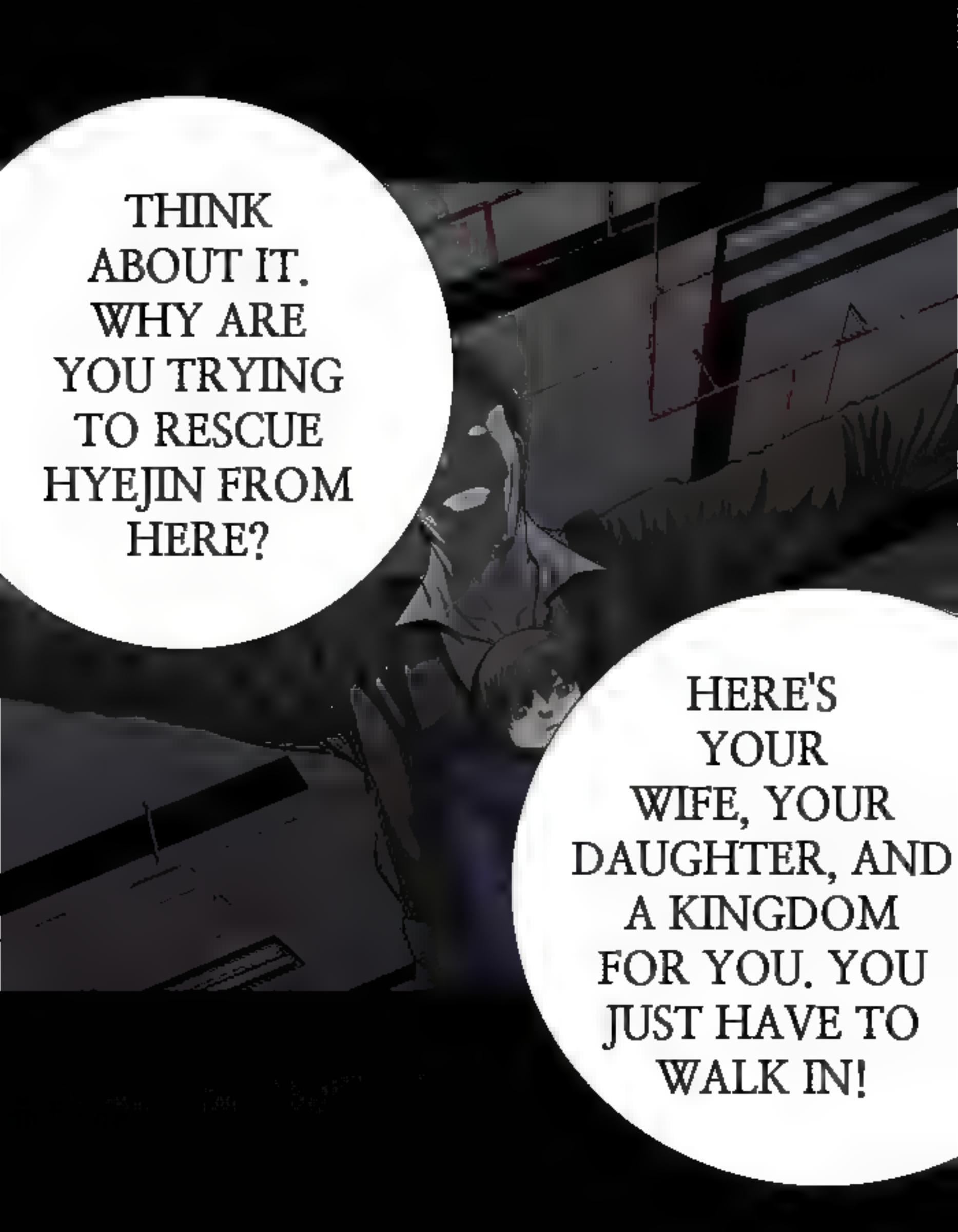


I'M SURPRISED.  
YOU'VE GOTTEN  
SO MUCH BETTER  
AT THREATENING.  
I LIKE IT!

THEN LET  
ME PROPOSE  
SOMETHING  
TOO.

THIS IS  
REALLY THE LAST  
TIME THAT I'LL  
OFFER THIS.

COME  
AND WORK  
FOR ME.



THINK  
ABOUT IT.  
WHY ARE  
YOU TRYING  
TO RESCUE  
HYEJIN FROM  
HERE?

HERE'S  
YOUR  
WIFE, YOUR  
DAUGHTER, AND  
A KINGDOM  
FOR YOU. YOU  
JUST HAVE TO  
WALK IN!



I ALREADY  
KNOW THAT  
MINYOUNG FORGOT  
EVERYTHING EXCEPT  
HER MATERNAL  
INSTINCT AND  
THAT SHE NEVER  
REMEMBERS YOU.



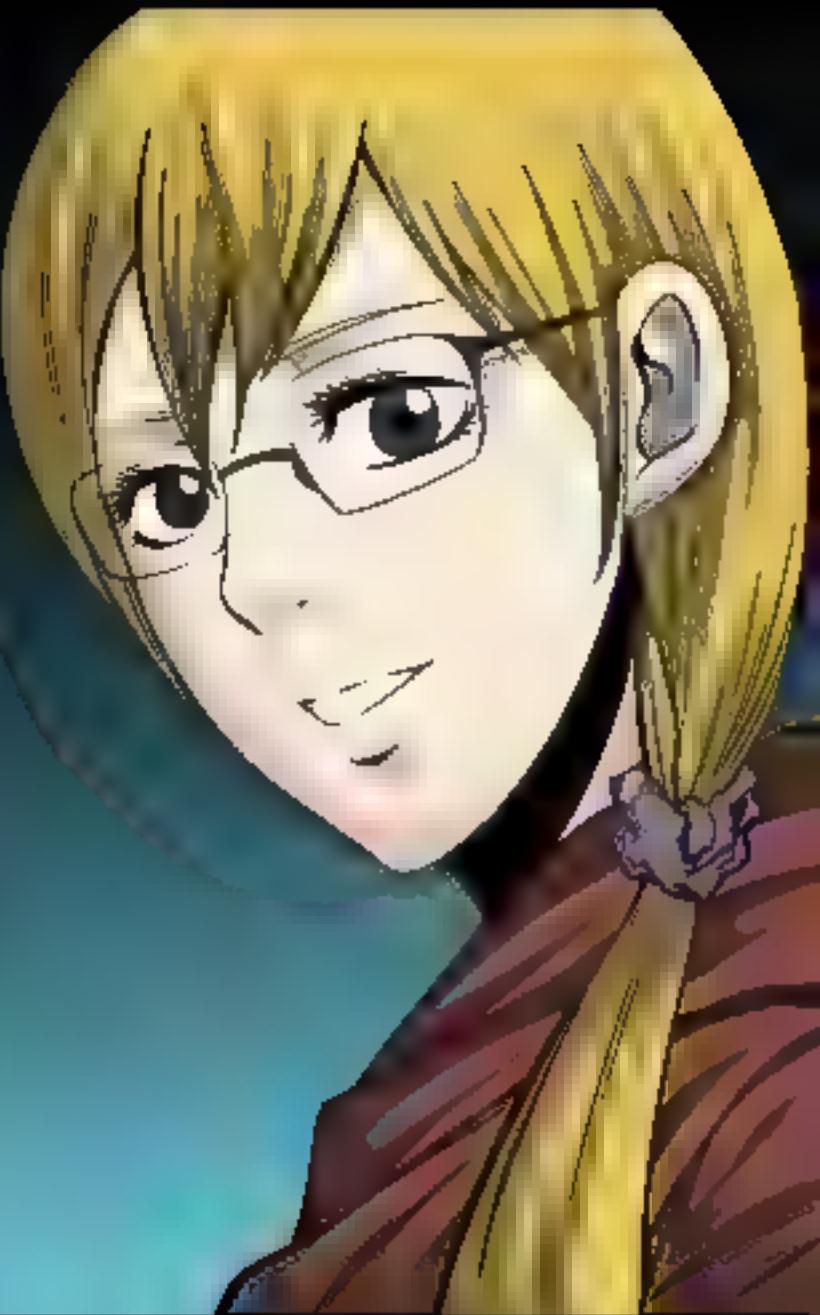
BUT  
WHO KNOWS?  
IF YOU KEEP  
RUNNING INTO  
HER AROUND  
HERE,



AND IF SHE  
KEEPS SEEING  
YOU HOLDING  
HYEJIN,



MAYBE  
SHE'LL  
REMEMBER  
YOU.



EUNSEONG,  
STAY CALM  
AND THINK  
ABOUT IT.  
THINK!

THINK ABOUT  
WHICH PATH  
WILL LEAD TO  
THE OUTCOME  
THAT YOU  
WANT THE  
MOST.

IT  
WILL NEVER  
HAPPEN, BUT  
EVEN IF YOU  
RESCUE HYEJIN  
FROM HERE

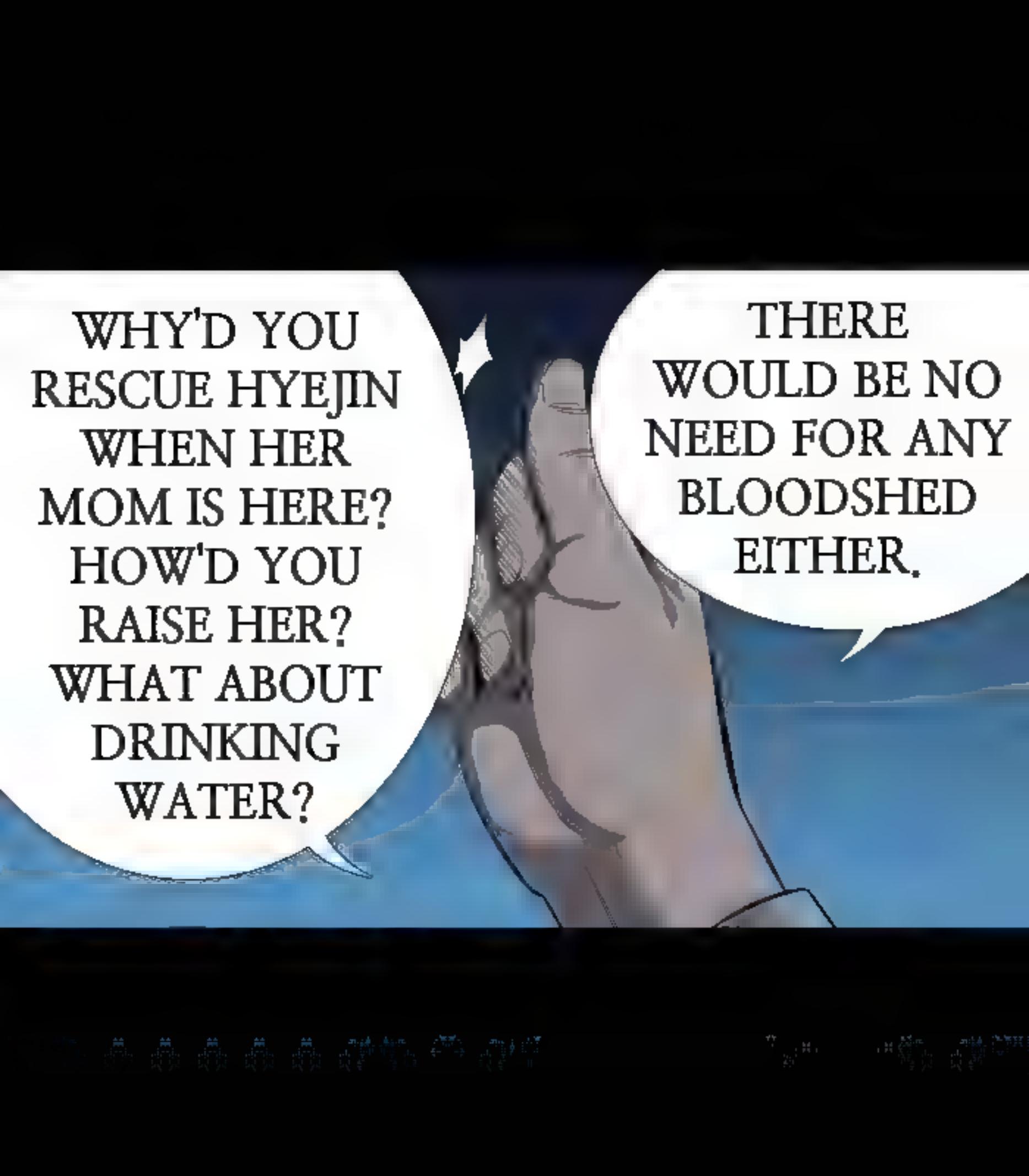
YOU  
WILL END UP  
WANDERING  
AROUND THIS  
RUINED WORLD  
WITH HER AT  
BEST.

A black and white illustration showing a man in a dark suit and tie holding a woman's hand. The woman has long hair and is looking down at their hands. They appear to be in a dimly lit room.

BUT IF YOU  
WORK WITH ME,  
YOU CAN LIVE  
TOGETHER WITH  
YOUR WIFE AND  
DAUGHTER IN A  
SAFE PLACE.

THAT'S RIGHT,  
EUNSEONG. HOW  
ABOUT THIS?

FOR NOW,  
COME HERE  
AND WE'LL  
CURE YOUR WIFE  
TOGETHER.



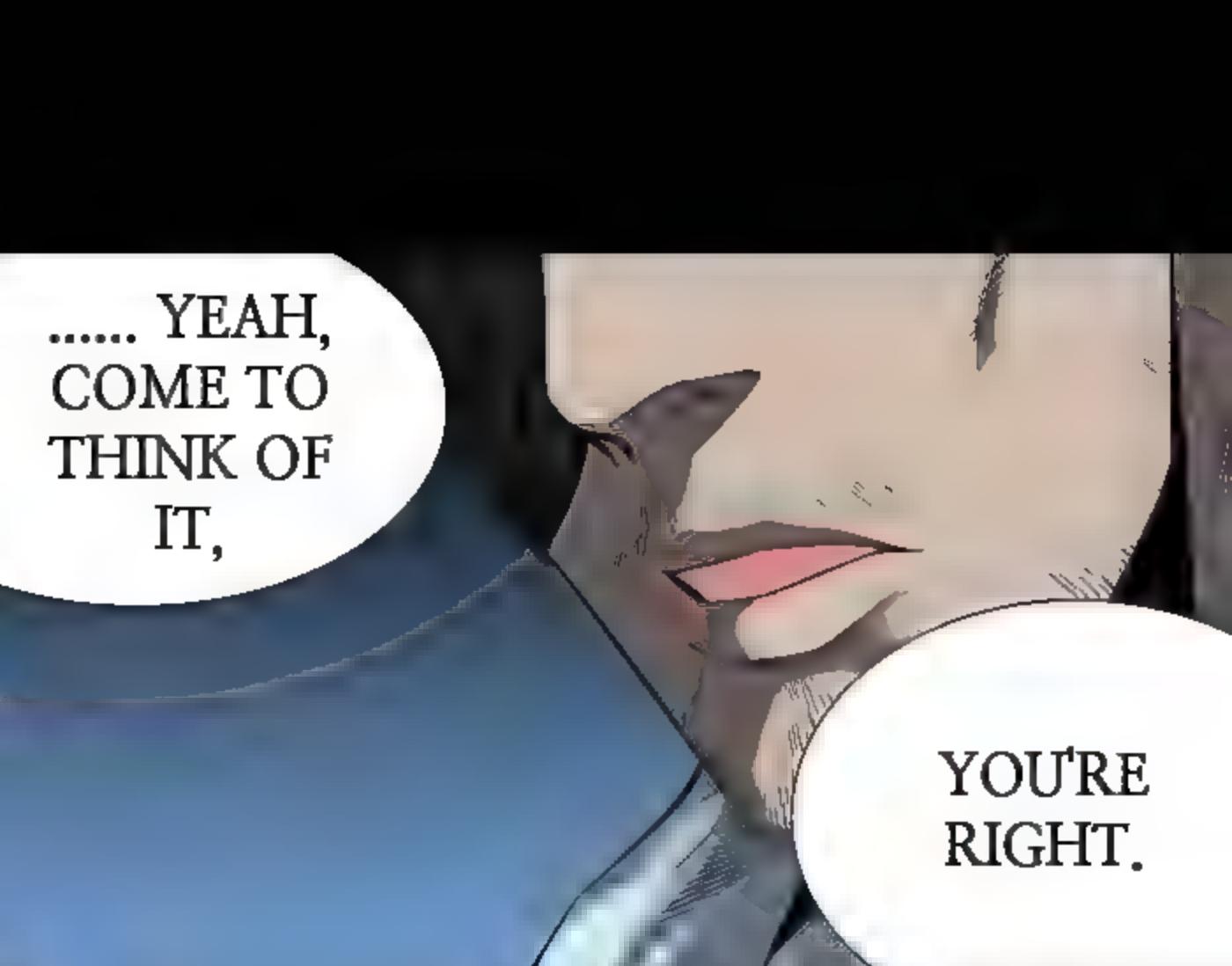
WHY'D YOU  
RESCUE HYEJIN  
WHEN HER  
MOM IS HERE?  
HOW'D YOU  
RAISE HER?  
WHAT ABOUT  
DRINKING  
WATER?

THERE  
WOULD BE NO  
NEED FOR ANY  
BLOODSHED  
EITHER.

WOW..  
SWEET DEAL.  
I HAVE A LOT  
TO LEARN  
FROM THAT  
GUY.

WHACK





..... YEAH,  
COME TO  
THINK OF  
IT,

YOU'RE  
RIGHT.



HAHAHA.  
I KNEW IT. YOU'VE  
REALLY GROWN  
A LOT SINCE I  
LAST SAW YOU.

I KNEW  
TALKING TO  
YOU WOULD  
WORK.

I'LL GO  
TO THE TOWER,  
AS YOU SAID.



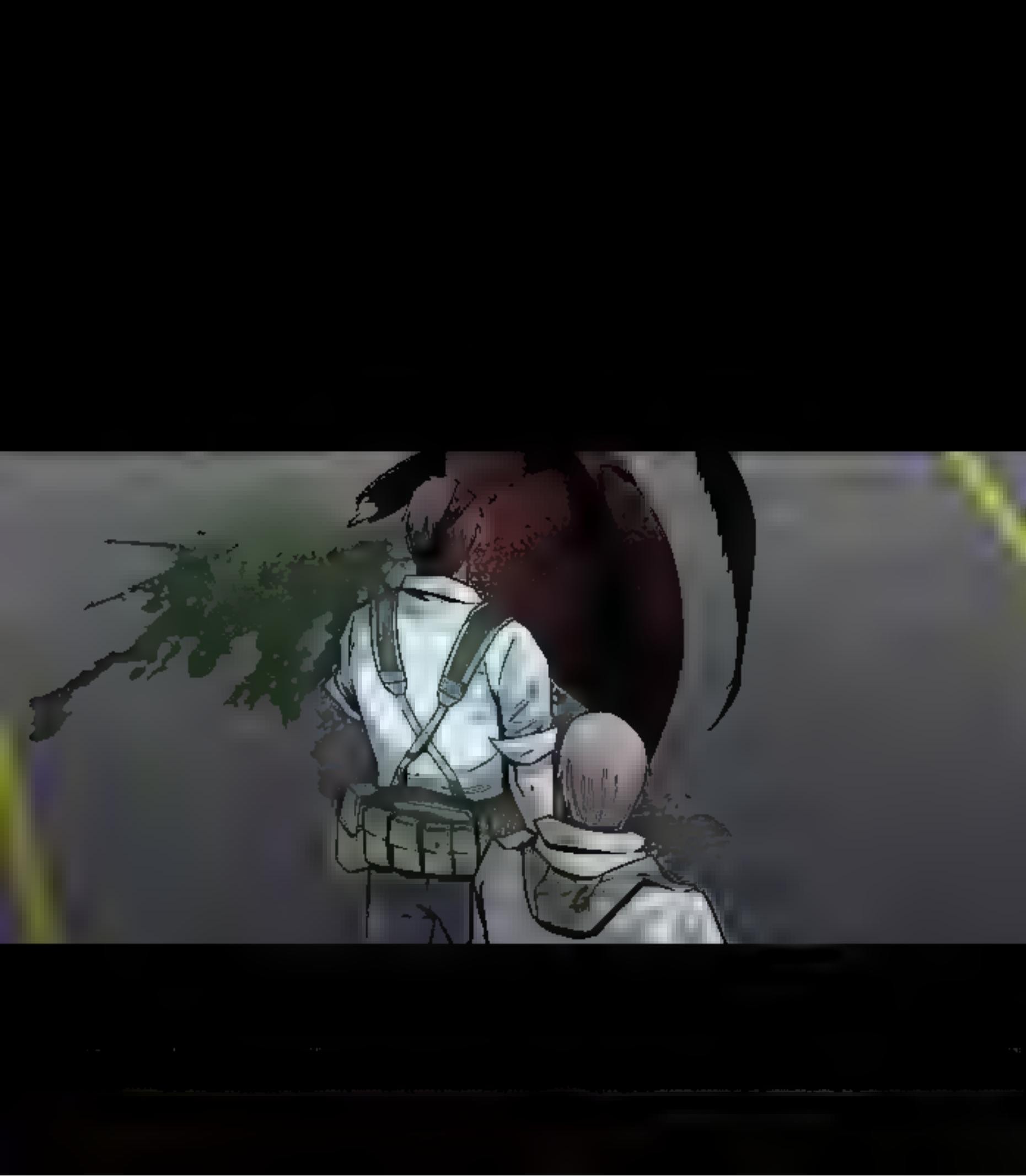
BUT I  
WANT YOU  
TO LEAVE THE  
TOWER.



IF YOU  
WALK OUT  
ON YOUR OWN,  
I'LL LET YOU  
LEAVE WITH  
YOUR LIFE  
INTACT.

GET THE  
HELL OUT OF  
MY HOUSE RIGHT  
NOW.









I CAN'T  
HELP IT.

JUST  
WAIT A BIT  
LONGER.

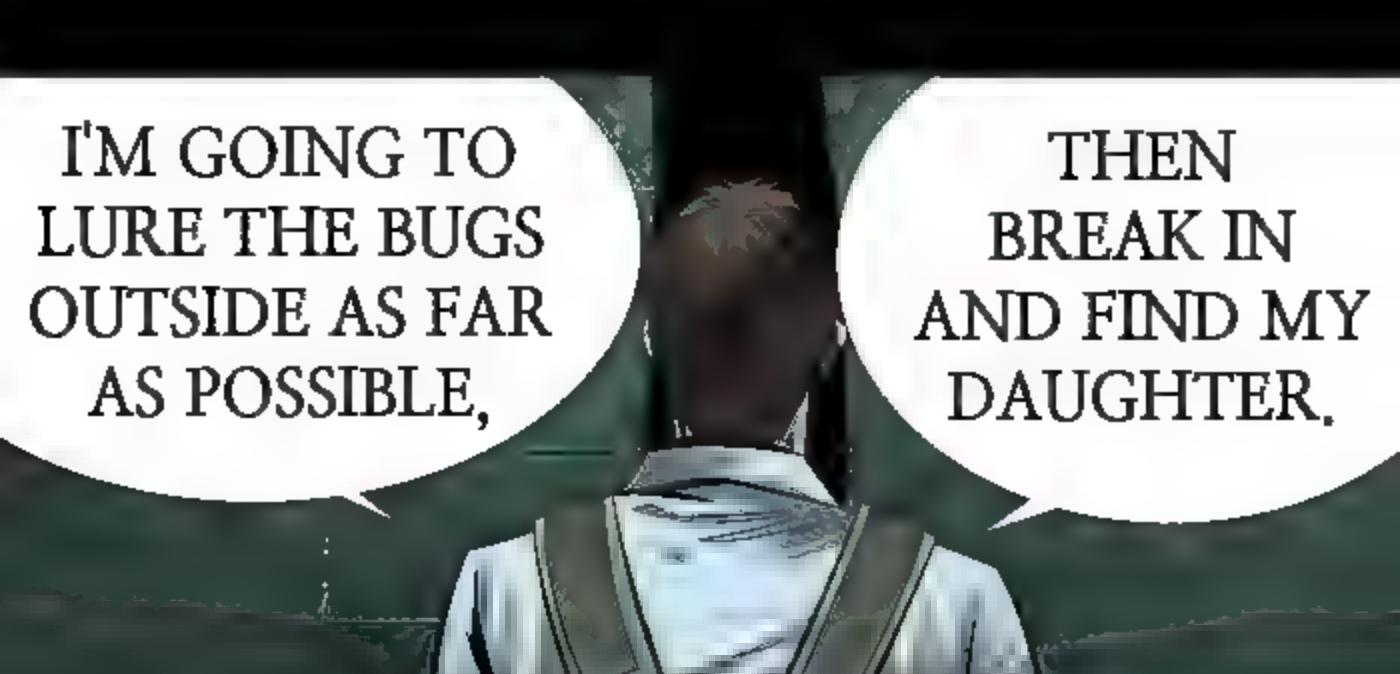


I'LL LET  
YOUR WIFE  
DEVOUR YOUR  
ORGANS.



WHAT ARE  
YOU GOING  
TO DO?

DO YOU  
HAVE A  
PLAN?



I'M GOING TO  
LURE THE BUGS  
OUTSIDE AS FAR  
AS POSSIBLE,

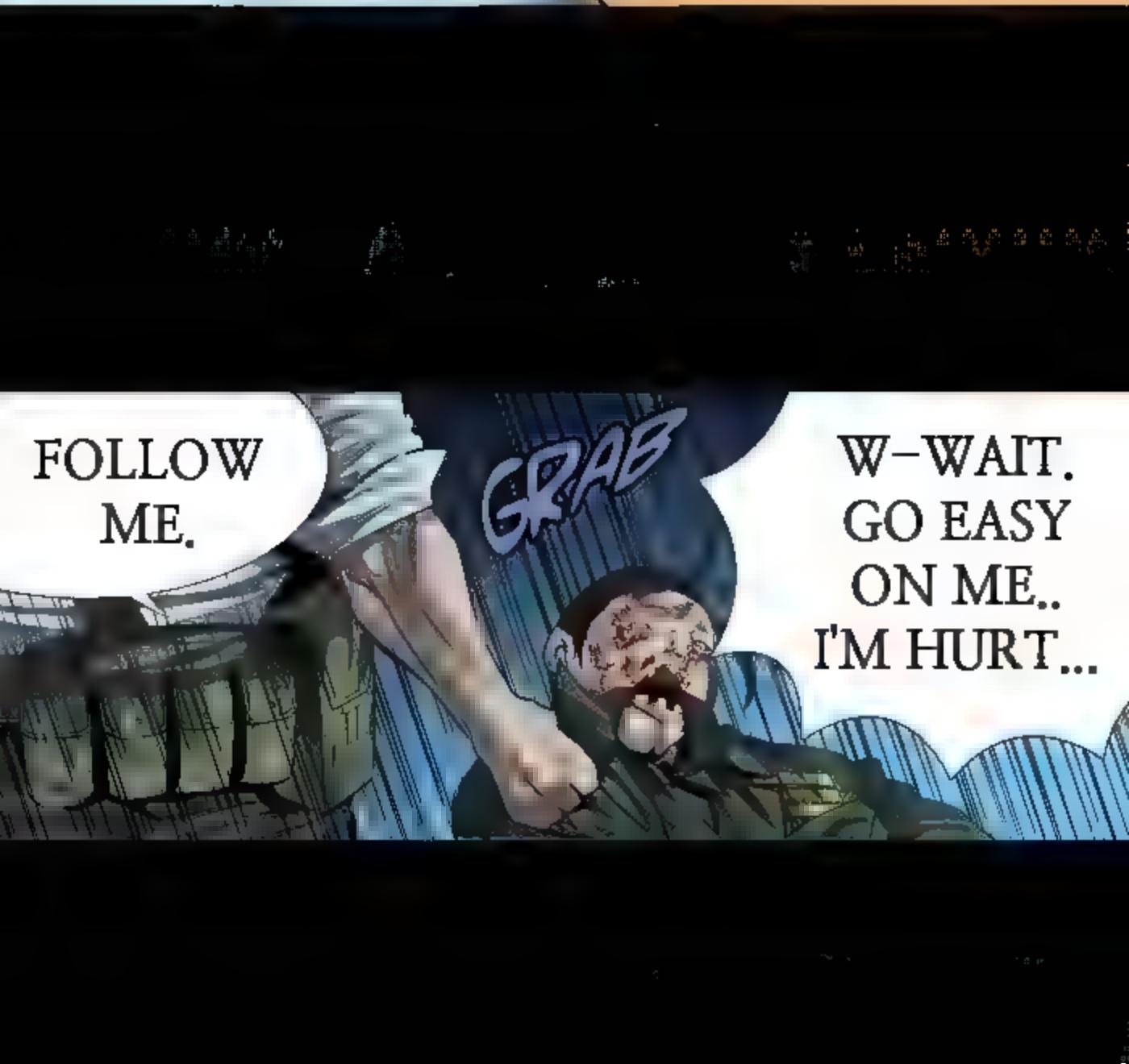
THEN  
BREAK IN  
AND FIND MY  
DAUGHTER.



BUT HOW?



THAT'S  
WHAT I HAVE  
TO FIGURE OUT  
NOW.



FOLLOW  
ME.

GRAB

W-WAIT.  
GO EASY  
ON ME..  
I'M HURT...

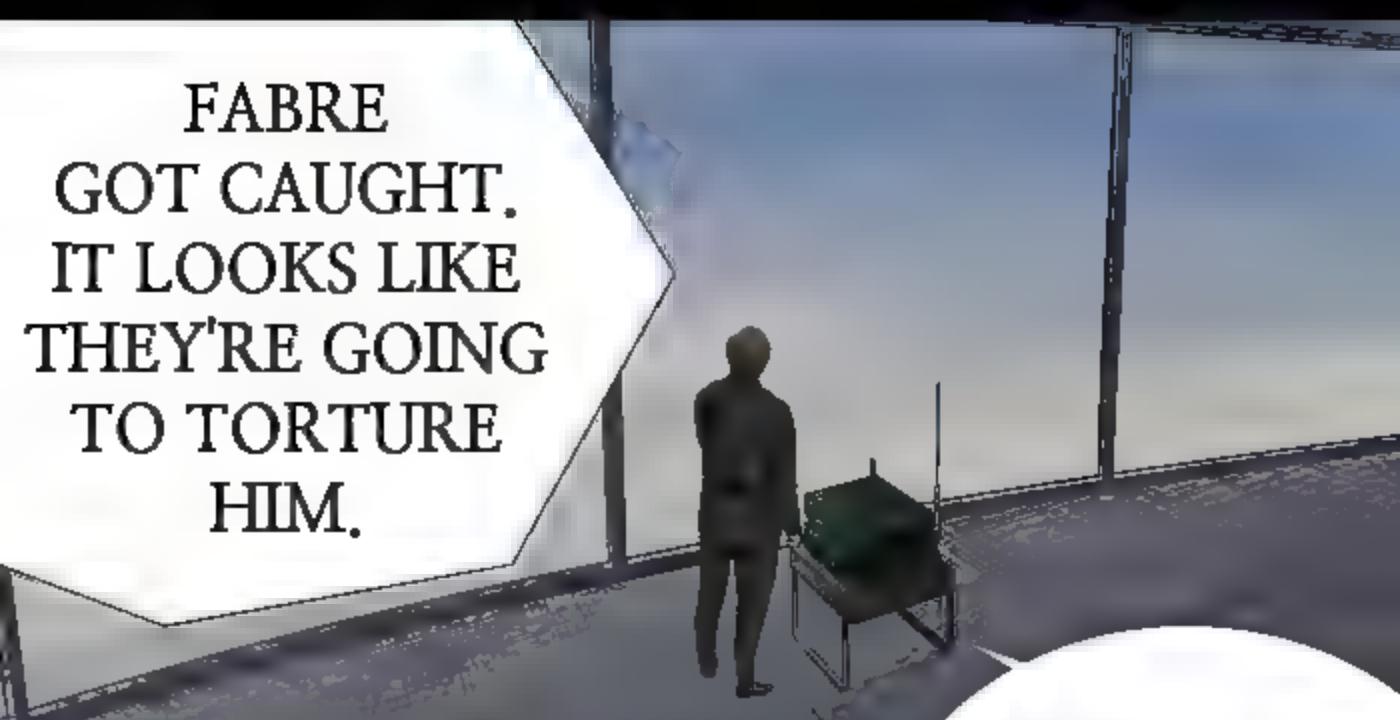




CHOI.



TRANSMITTING.



FABRE  
GOT CAUGHT.  
IT LOOKS LIKE  
THEY'RE GOING  
TO TORTURE  
HIM.



WILL YOU  
BE ABLE TO  
GET HIM  
BACK?



NO,  
THAT  
WOULD BE  
TOUGH.

THERE ARE  
A LOT OF THEM,  
PLUS SOME GUYS  
ARE VERY WELL-  
TRAINED EVEN  
IF THEY'RE  
IN CIVILIAN  
CLOTHES.

STILL,  
LOOK FOR AN  
OPPORTUNITY.

BUT IF  
THERE'S  
REALLY  
NO OTHER  
CHOICE,



YOU CAN  
ALSO KILL  
HIM.

GOT IT.  
BUT IF  
WE KILL  
HIM,

WON'T IT  
BE HARDER  
FOR US TO  
CONTROL  
THE BUGS?

THAT'S TRUE,  
BUT THERE'S A  
HIGH CHANCE  
THAT FABRE  
WILL EASILY  
BETRAY US. I  
WOULD RATHER  
HAVE HIM  
DEAD.



WE HAVE TO  
FIND A NEW  
REPLACEMENT  
AS QUICKLY  
AS-





HM?  
WHY IS SHE  
CRYING?

HEY,  
WHY IS THE KID  
CRYING?

CALM  
HER DOWN..

!

PANG



SCRATCH

SCRATCH SCRATCH SCRATCH



..... NO,  
DON'T  
SHOOT.

HURRY UP  
AND CALM THE  
KID DOWN!  
HURRY!

YES, SIR..

DAMNIT!

I SHOULDN'T  
HAVE LET  
THAT DUMBA\$\$  
GO....

HEY,  
YOU HAVE  
SOMETHING  
IMPORTANT  
TO DO.

GO AND  
JOIN FORCES  
WITH SIMON.

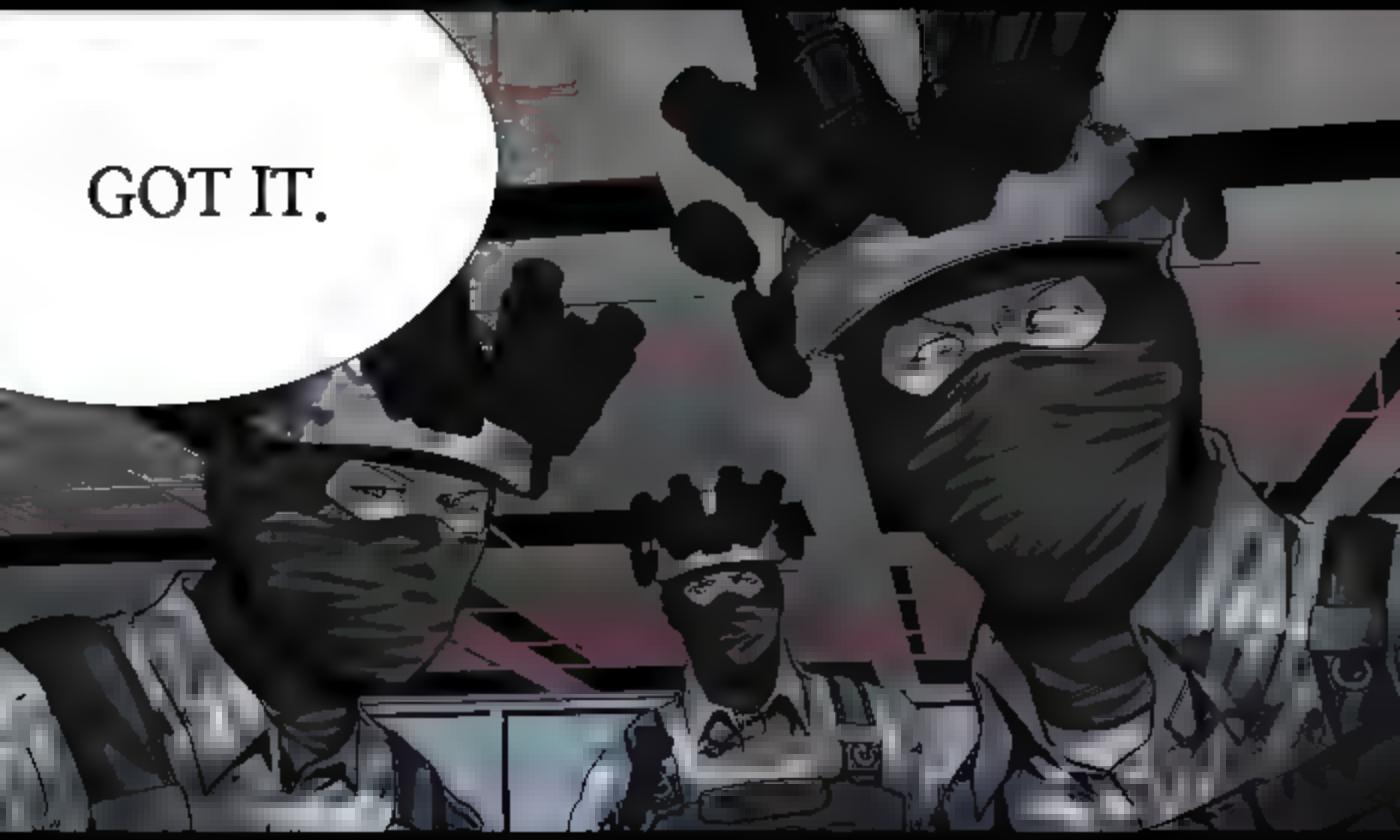
BRING A  
PHEROMONE  
BOMB WITH  
YOU,

AND  
IF THERE'S  
REALLY NO  
OTHER OPTION,  
SUMMON THE  
BUGS TO SAVE  
FABRE.

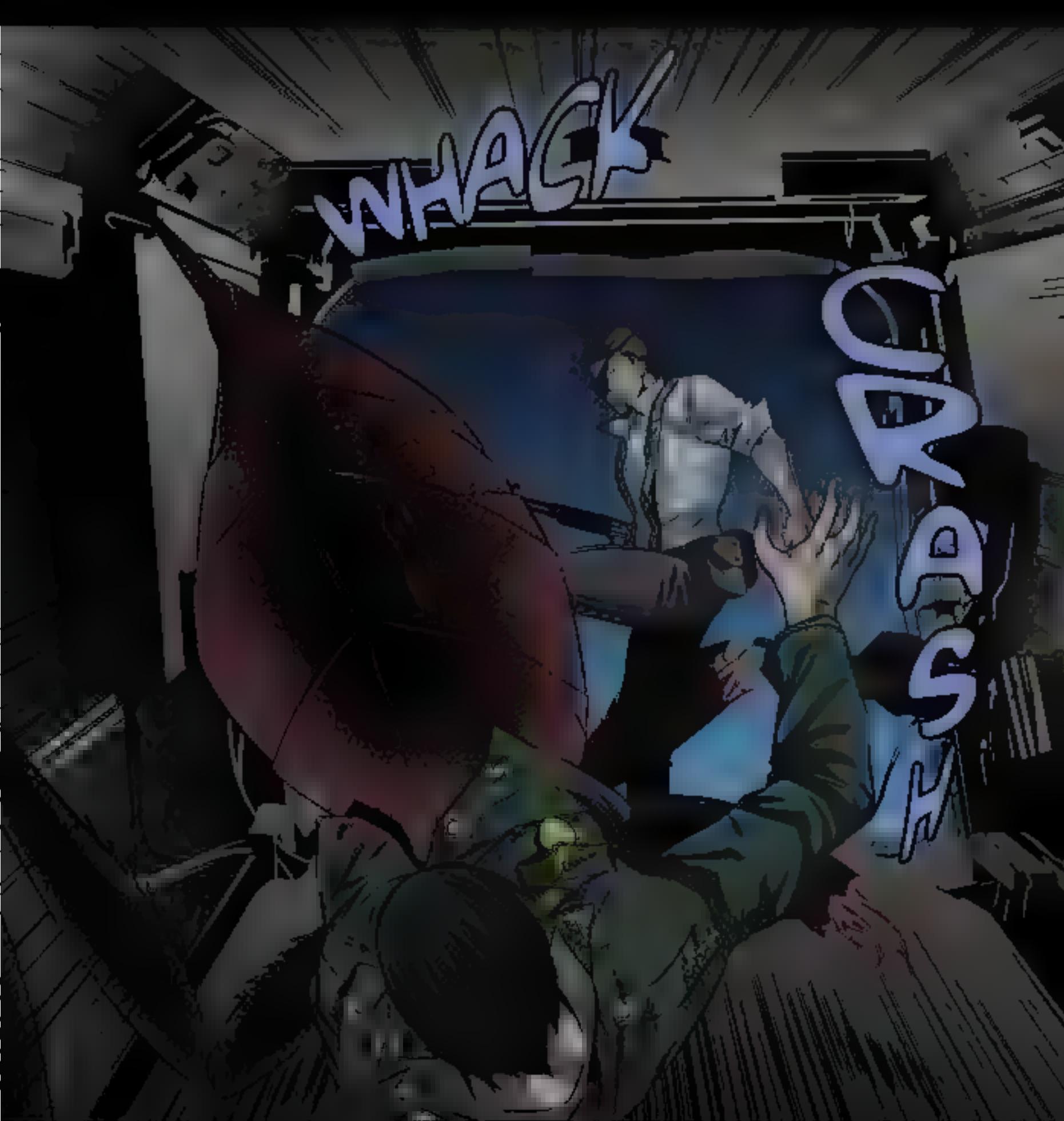


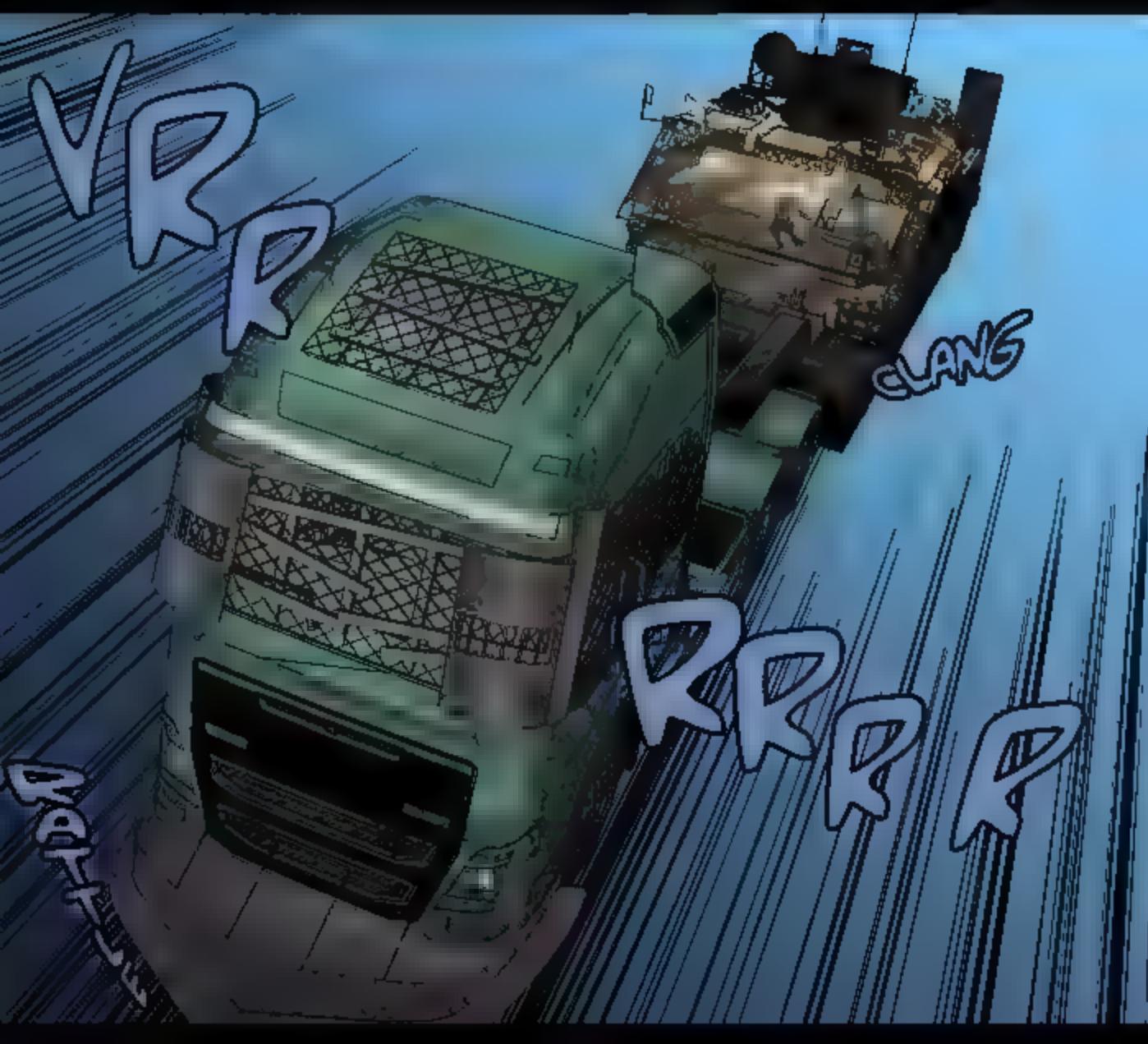
"TELL HIM  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON HERE"

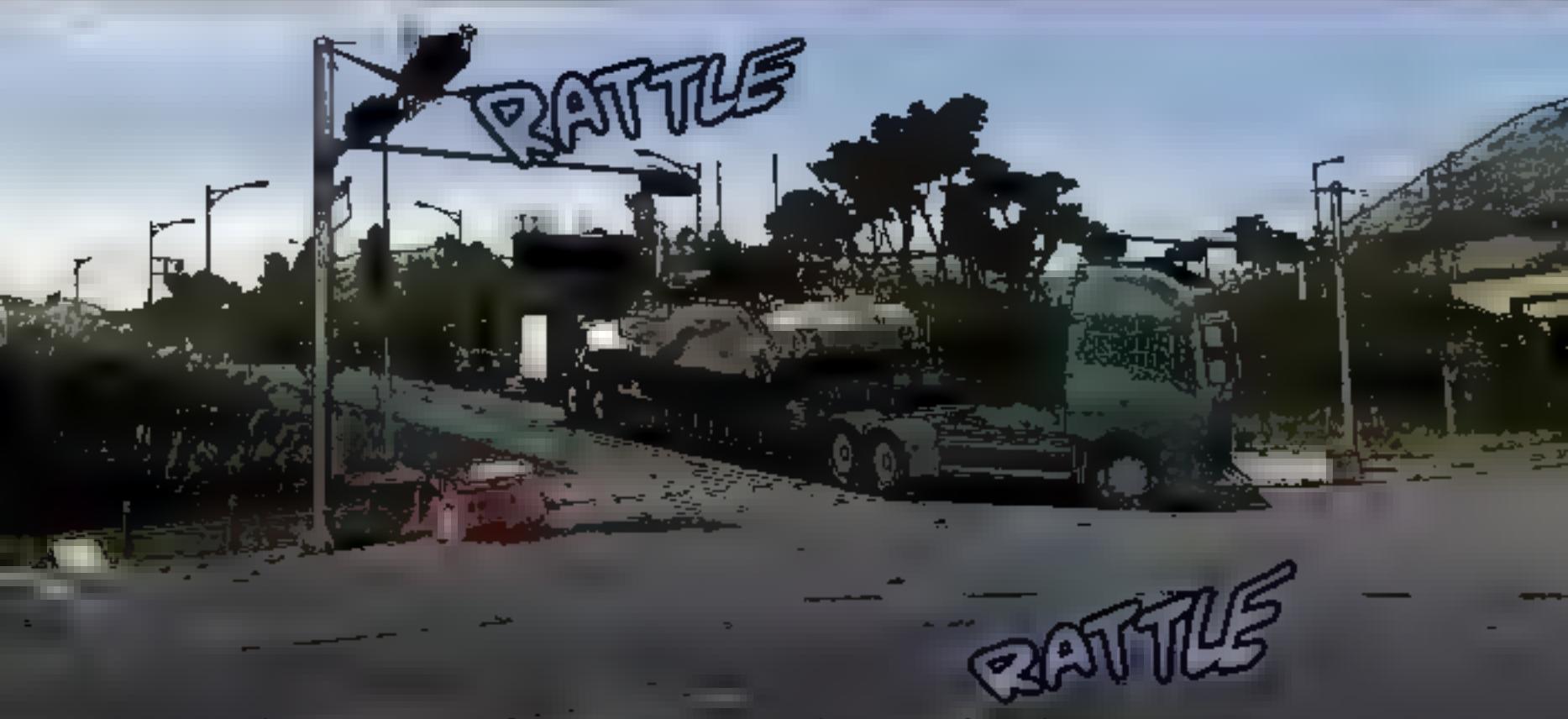
AND  
BE SURE TO  
RESCUE  
FABRE.



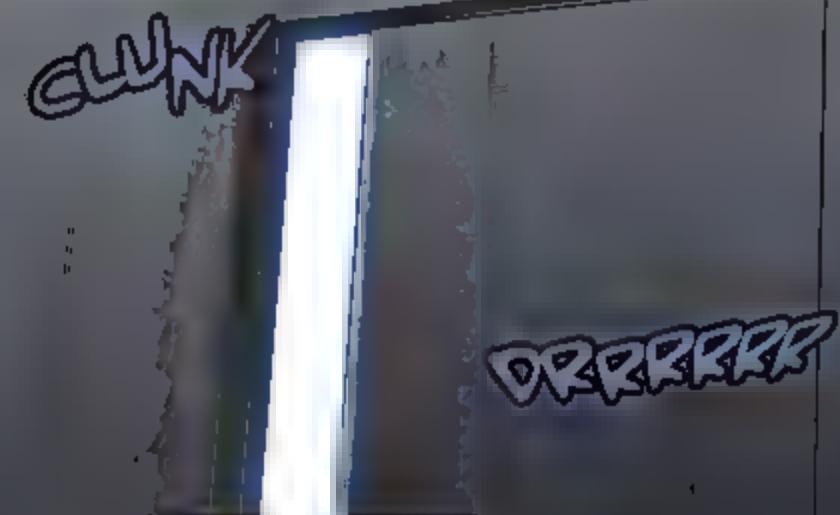
GOT IT.







RATTLE







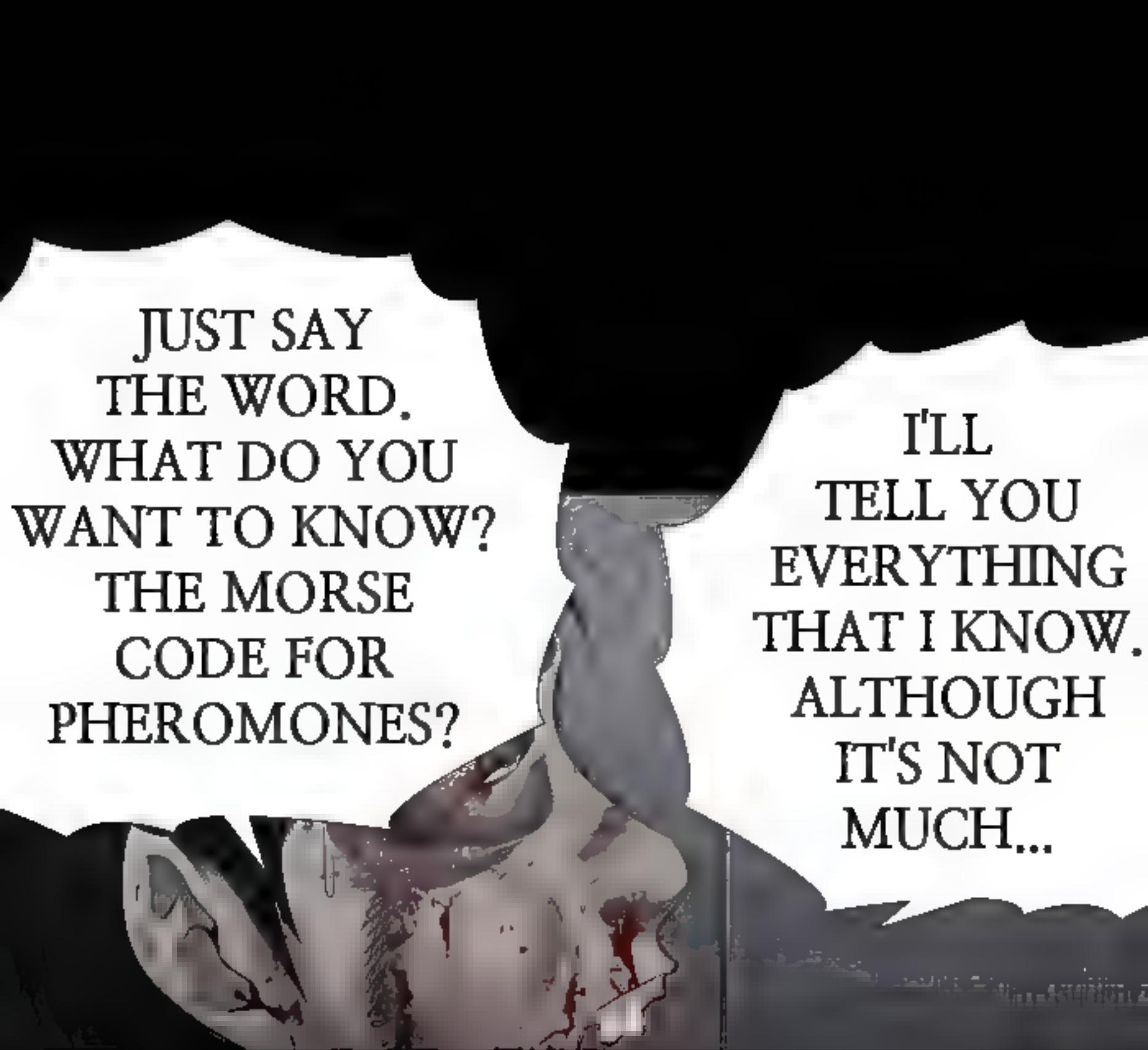
W-WAIT.  
ARE YOU  
GOING TO  
TORTURE  
ME?

WHY?



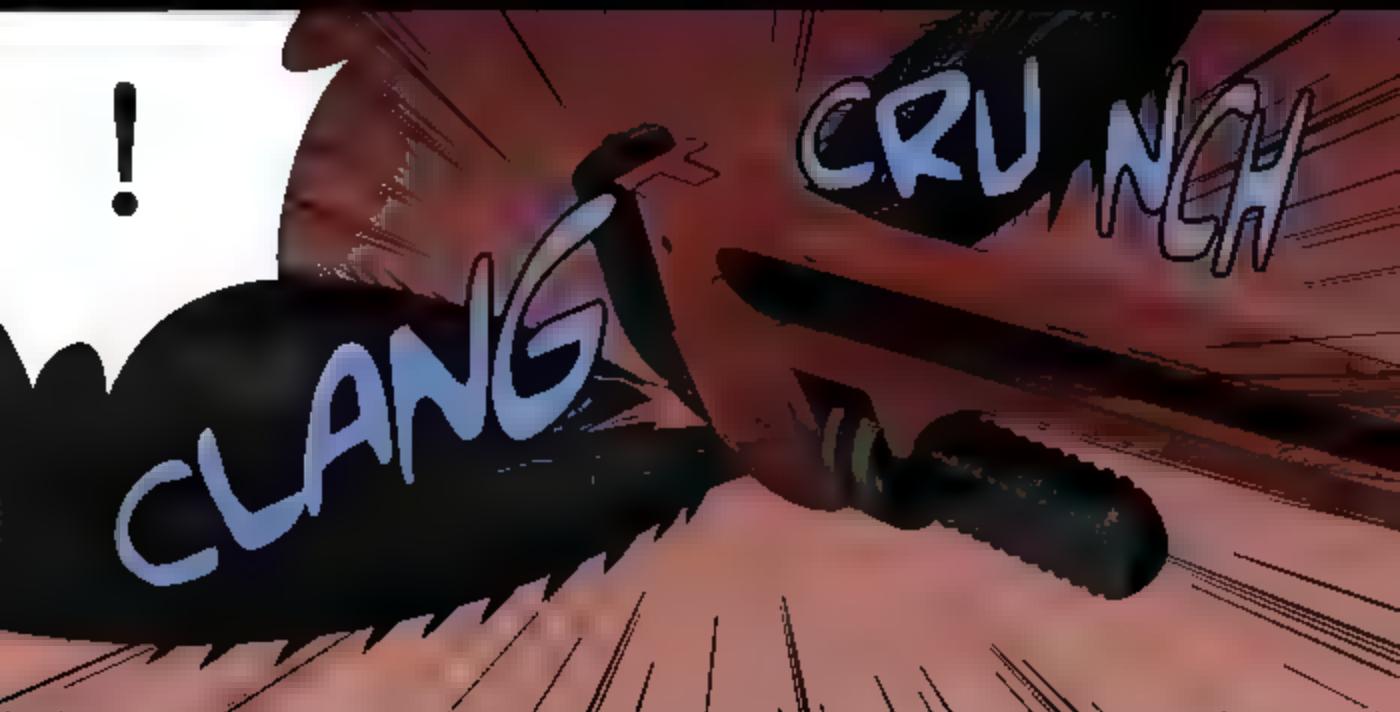
JUST ASK ME.  
I'LL TELL YOU  
ANYTHING.

WHEN DID  
I EVER NOT  
TELL YOU  
SOMETHING?



JUST SAY  
THE WORD.  
WHAT DO YOU  
WANT TO KNOW?  
THE MORSE  
CODE FOR  
PHEROMONES?

I'LL  
TELL YOU  
EVERYTHING  
THAT I KNOW.  
ALTHOUGH  
IT'S NOT  
MUCH...





UGH...  
UHH...

UHHHH...

TRY TO  
REMEMBER  
WHO IT  
WAS THAT  
ENCOURAGED  
YOU TO LOOK  
FOR YOUR  
WIFE

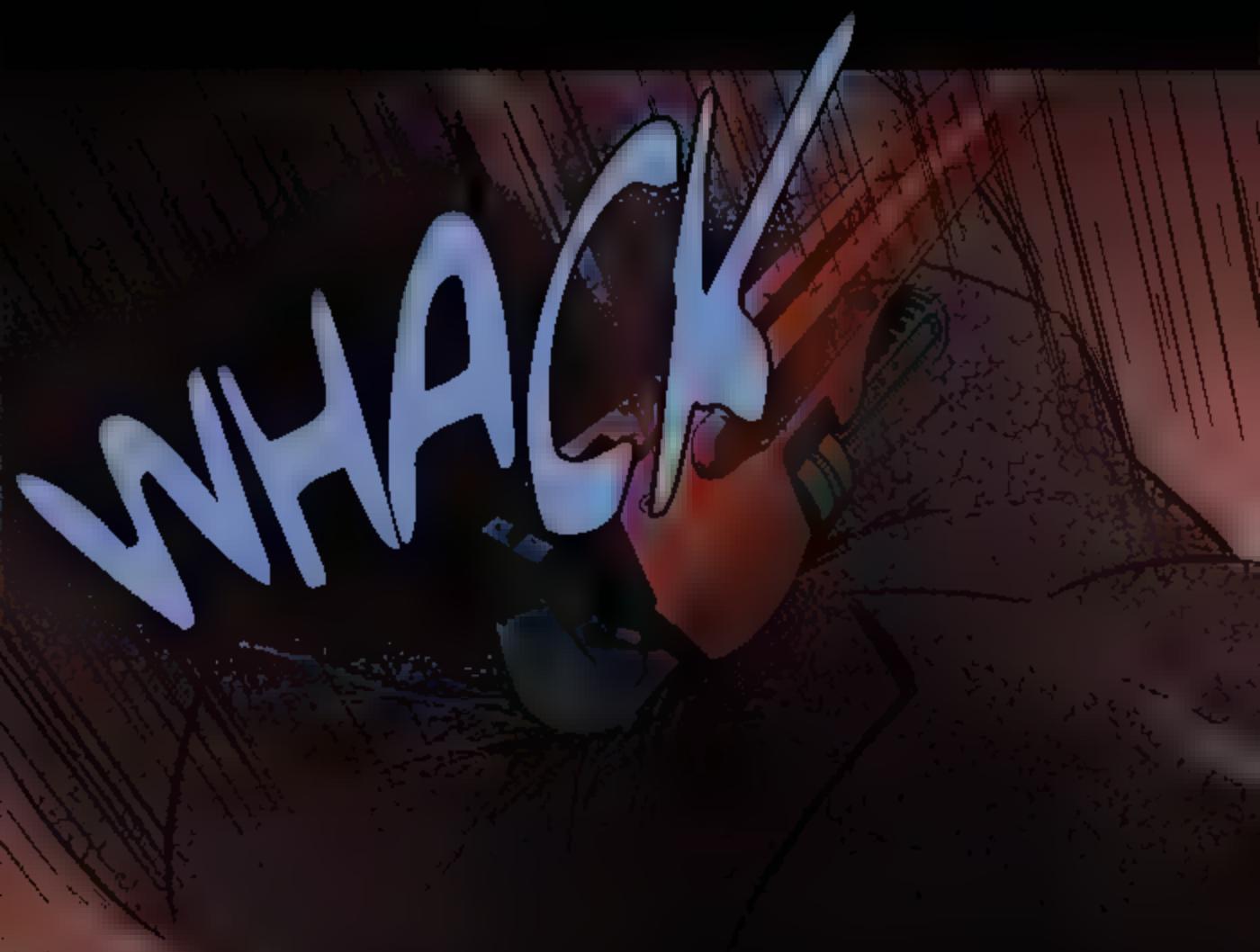
WHILE YOU  
WERE FEELING  
DESPERATE IN  
SONGDO.

WE  
CAN GET  
ALONG WELL  
AGAIN.

JUST  
TELL ME.  
WHAT IS IT  
THAT YOU  
WANT TO  
HEAR FROM  
ME?



SCREAMING.





Y-YOU  
F\$%KING  
BASTARD..  
WHY ARE  
YOU DOING  
THIS WHEN I  
AGREED TO  
COOPERATE?



YOU'RE  
EVEN WORSE  
THAN DIRECTOR  
CHOI.



JUST WAIT.  
DO YOU THINK  
DIRECTOR CHOI  
WOULD JUST  
ABANDON  
ME?



HE'LL  
SEND A BIG  
ARMY SOON  
TO RESCUE  
ME!

DOES  
SEONGJAE  
REALLY HAVE  
THAT MUCH  
LOYALTY?

LOYALTY?



DON'T BE  
RIDICULOUS!  
HE ABSOLUTELY  
NEEDS ME!

WITHOUT ME,  
HE CAN'T GIVE  
ORDERS TO  
THE BUGS!





HE'S  
JUST BARELY  
MAINTAINING  
THE STATUS QUO  
RIGHT NOW!

THAT'S  
WHY HE'LL DO  
ANYTHING TO  
COME AND  
RESCUE  
ME.

IF THAT'S TRUE,  
THEN THERE'S NO  
WAY HE WOULD  
HAVE EVER SENT  
YOU OUTSIDE.

I ONLY  
TAUGHT HIM  
A FEW  
WORDS!



BUT BECAUSE  
IT'S NOT  
PHEROMONES,  
THEY'RE USELESS  
ON BUGS RANKING  
HIGHER THAN  
GENERALS.

YOU STILL  
HAVE NO IDEA  
WHAT AN  
IMPORTANT  
PERSON  
I AM.

ALRIGHT,  
NOW GIVE ME  
THE PROPER  
TREATMENT  
THAT I DESERVE,  
OR LET ME  
GO!

IT WOULD  
BE IMPOSSIBLE  
FOR YOU TO  
GET INTO  
THE TOWER  
WITHOUT  
MY HELP.

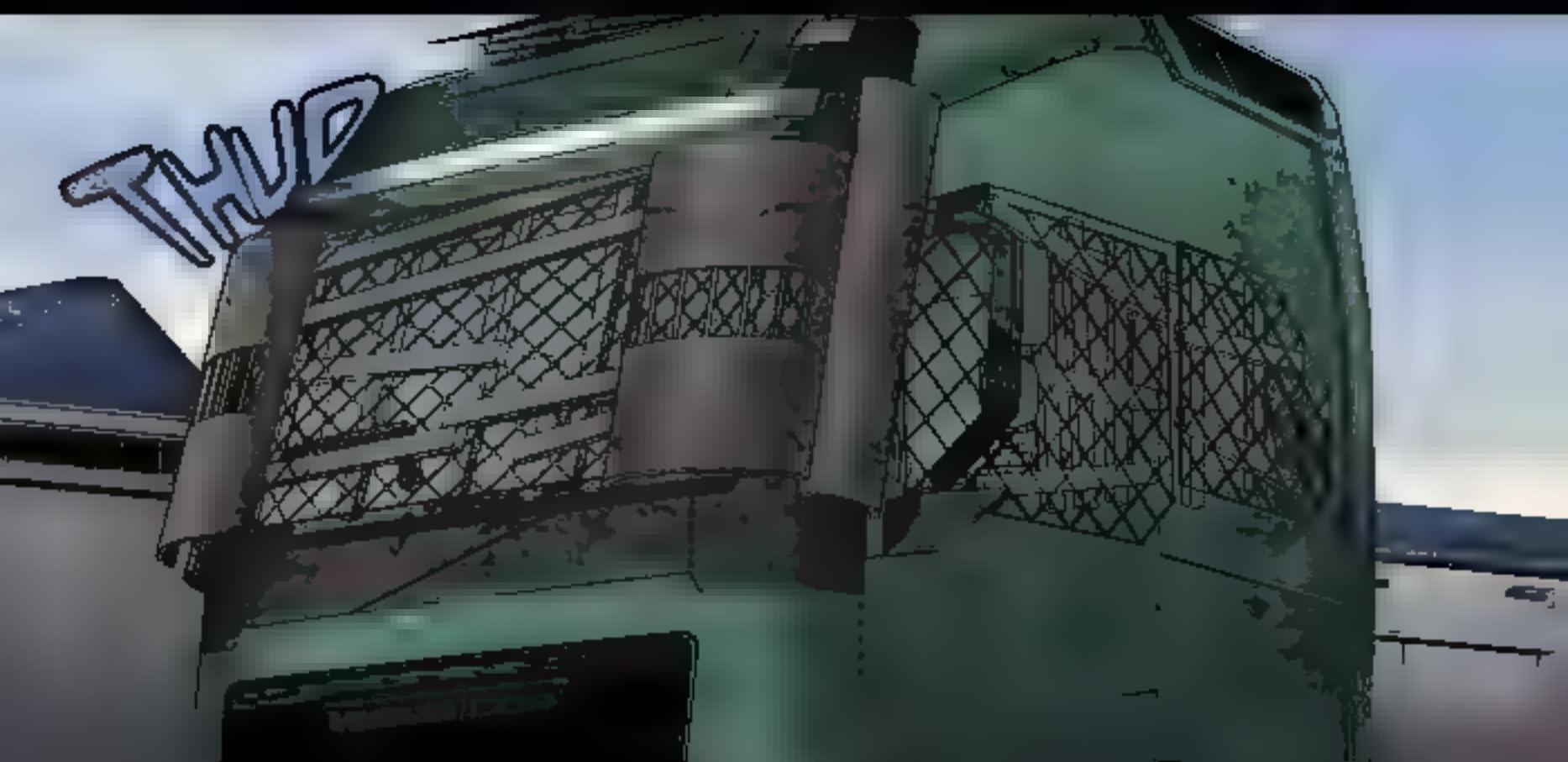


HAHAHA.  
ARE YOU  
SCARED?

IF YOU'RE  
THINKING  
OF RUNNING  
AWAY, IT  
WON'T DO  
ANY GOOD.

NO MATTER  
WHERE WE HIDE,  
THE BUGS WILL  
FIND US.

YOU'RE  
DEAD!











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